

4. ABSTRACT:

Method For Conducting An On-Line Raffle Session

The invention presents a method for conducting an on-line raffle session, where an article owner 50 participates in the on-line raffle session by submitting an article 45 via remote computer 31 or carrier service, to a central raffle company 16. The on-line raffle company places the article in the company's data base 17 and the on-line raffle directory 24. Accordingly, the method of raffling the article is conducted over a computer network 15, that includes a central computer 19, a number of remote computers 31, communication lines 30, connecting the remote computers 31 to the central computer 19. Ticket purchasers 56 purchase raffle tickets via on-line over the Internet by remote computers 31. Each ticket purchaser 56 registers information and opens an account by remote computer 31 linked with the raffle company computer 27 of the account division 26. Account information is filed in the ticket purchaser data base 21. The ticket purchaser 56 views the articles 45 on-line in the raffle company's directory 24, and purchases tickets using the raffle entry form 67 template with a credit card debit card or other means of payment. When the article being raffled reaches 100% raffle price threshold, the raffle closes and the ticket numbers are submitted to a secure electronic ticket number selector 23, which randomly chooses a winning ticket number.

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